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GERMANY STARTS DRIVE AGAINST THE SERBIANS

FIGHTING INDICATES THAT AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMIES PLAN TO PUSH THROUGH TO CONSTANTINOPLE TO HELP THEIR TURKISH ALLIES.

If this Plan is Carried out, Teutons Must Cross North Serbia and Bulgaria and Course Taken by Bulgaria in such an Event is the Big Question with the Allies, who Recently Sent Bulgaria a Note Calling for Her to Stand One Way or the Other—Petrograd Claims German Submarine has been Sunk in the Black Sea by Russian Ships—Berlin Claims that British Transport from Egypt was Sunk in the Dardanelles—All Eyes Still Turned to Eastern Front, and Making Efforts to Elude German Armies Attempting to Annihilate them.

London, Sept. 21.—Germany's drive against the Serbians has begun, according to definite news received here today. The first fighting indicates that the Austro-German armies plan to push through to Constantinople, via Serbia and Bulgaria.

What Bulgaria will do, is the big question with the allies, who recently sent a joint note, calling for her to stand one way or the other. A German submarine was sunk in the Black Sea recently by Russian ships, says Petrograd.

British Transport Sunk Berlin, Sept. 21.—A British transport from Egypt has been sunk, en route to the Dardanelles, says a dispatch received here today.

Will Russians Escape? London, Sept. 21.—Of the many big battles fought on the eastern front in the last five months, few, if any, have been fought with such importance for the opposing armies, as now in progress to the east and west of Vilna, where the German marshal, von Hindenburg, is attempting to cut off the retreat and deny the Russian army which defended that city.

The German official report issued today, throws little light on the progress of the operations, simply stating that the enemy retreats from Vilna is proceeding. Petrograd continues to express confidence in the ability of the Russians to cut themselves from the net around them. In the opinion of military writers they are in a dangerous position. It is quite likely, however, that they got their artillery away from the Germans moved across the river, as the evacuation of Vilna decided upon weeks ago.

Russian army menaced since the fall of Vilna, by the German advance movement, is estimated at 250,000 to 500,000 men. The losses under which the Russians are attempting to extricate themselves are a striking parallel to those followed the capture of Warsaw, though no official confirmation has been received in London from Petrograd this morning of the fall of Vilna. British press has accepted the German claim readily in view of the fact that had been developing, and is expressed for the retreating forces. So far as can be ascertained, Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops have flung a loop about the Russians over a front of some miles and are not only in their retreat but are menacing seriously the railway line and the few available roads stretching to the west.

As the case at Warsaw, the evacuation of Russian prisoners left behind the evacuation of Vilna was a disaster. Apparently the only way the retreating forces may ameliorate the seemingly bad situation is by a counter blow.

Leopold of Bavaria also is attempting the railway to the southeast having reached the district of which is immediately west and skirting the Pripiet marshes.

WEATHER FORECAST Orleans, La., Sept. 21.—Weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday, fair.

CONGRESSMAN IN HOSPITAL.

Operation Made Necessary by Injuries Received in Fall.

Congressman Chas. D. Carter has undergone a successful surgical operation at the Hardy sanitarium and his physician expects him to be out again in perfect health within ten days. While in Washington last winter Mr. Carter suffered an injury, resulting in hernia, by falling, that necessitated surgical work to prevent a condition from developing that would cause him much suffering, and to avoid further trouble the remedy was applied.

SWIFT FALL OF MERCURY LAST NIGHT

PREDICTIONS OF WEATHER MEN WERE MADE GOOD WITH VENGEANCE — LIGHT CLOTHING GETS AWFUL JOLT.

Some mighty becoming coat suits adorned most of the lady shoppers and clerks who were early downtown this morning, and there was a good reason. Yesterday the mercury at the local observatory registered a maximum of 96 degrees, which, for this season, was extremely sultry. The minimum registered this morning was 58 degrees, a fall of 38 degrees overnight.

When people retired last night there was little prospect of this tumble in the mercury, and long before daylight there was a general scramble for more blankets by those who would slumber in comfort.

The rainfall registered here was 0.25 inches.

This morning, for the first time this season, gas heaters were brought forth and connected with the meters, and comfortable glows were the rule in most of the downtown offices, as well as the residences of the city.

LABOR OPPOSES CONVICT MINES AT M'ALESTER

PROTEST TO BOARD OF AFFAIRS — SAY THERE'S NO LAW FOR CONVICT LABOR — ONE OF GOVERNOR'S PET PROJECTS.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 20.—Oliver Wilson, secretary and treasurer of the Oklahoma State Federation of Labor, late Saturday filed a brief with the state board of affairs, protesting against the board's alleged purpose to open up a coal mine on the penitentiary land at McAlester and work convicts therein.

This is said to be another of Governor R. L. Williams' pet projects, ostensibly to supply coal to the various state institutions.

Edgar Fenton, president of the federation, recently received a communication from Pete Hamraty, president of District 21, United Mine Workers, composed of Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, protesting against the proposal.

The laborites recite that a law enacted in 1906 provides that in no event shall convicts in Oklahoma ever be employed in any mines in the state other than stone or such metals as are necessary in maintaining highways or public works of the state. They claim an attempt was made to repeal that law in the 1913 session in a provision outlining the duties of the board of prison control and authorizing it to open up certain lines of manufacturing and mining, but does not mention the employment of convict labor.

"We hold," said Secretary Wilson, "that the laws work jointly, and that the latter does not repeal the former."

If there's to be any interfering in Mexico's internal affairs, Carranza proposes to do it himself.

SEND GOLD FOR WAR MUNITIONS

ENGLAND AND FRANCE WILL PAY FOR THEIR WAR MUNITIONS IN GOLD.

EARLY CONSUMPTION

Negotiations Today for Proposed Loan Moved Along Smoothly and Matter Will Be Brought to a Speedy Conclusion.

New York, Sept. 21.—Negotiations toward arranging the loan to the allies moved forward swiftly today with chances favorable to early consummation.

It is believed that since the problem of war munitions has been virtually eliminated from the consideration of the allies' proposed huge loan, that the matter will be drawn to a swift conclusion.

The fact that England and France will continue to send gold to America is believed to mean that these countries will pay for their war munitions in this way. No serious difficulty between the complete arrangement of the loan is now apparent.

JUDGE J. B. A. ROBERTSON ELECTED GRAND SIRE, I.O.O.F.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 20.—Judge J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma City, Okla., was elected grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the first meeting of the annual convention of the order today. Judge Robertson will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Grand Sire Judge Robert Daniel of Griffin, Ga.

VERMONT RETURNS TO THIS CITY

M. D. SMITH AND FAMILY, AFTER VERY PLEASANT SUMMER, IS PLEASED TO GET BACK TO ARDMORE.

M. D. Smith and family have returned from an extended visit to their old home in Vermont.

While in that state Mr. Smith traveled over the entire state and says that Vermont is in a most prosperous condition.

In speaking of the war, he says the people up there do not say much about it, but he says the Vermont democrats are not at all backward in expressing their opinion of the action of the late Secretary Bryan for his action in quitting the cabinet under fire. Mr. Smith says the Vermont democracy, which is the Simon-pure, blown-in-the-bottle brand, will hand it to him if he ever aspires to run for office again. Vermont democrats, says Mr. Smith, have always stood solidly for the peerless leader, but they are a unit in denouncing his recent action. Mr. Smith states that within the past few years Vermont has become the playground for a lot of wealthy New York people, and farm values have advanced wonderfully as a consequence.

In speaking of the business men's training camp, just across the lake from Vermont, Mr. Smith says the idea is taking the entire north and he expects to see every state in the union establish one along the same lines, within the next five years.

President Wilson has won a great moral victory in the controversy with Germany, without the aid of Col. Bryan; Col. Roosevelt or Col. Watterson, which proves it is a bad year, for colonels.

NOVEL SUIT BROUGHT.

Farmer Buys Oats Seed, Found Much Johnson Grass Grows With It.

Soper, Sept. 20.—Herman Goekin, a farmer, has brought suit against the C. L. Harris company here for \$9,000 alleged damages. Goekin sets up that he purchased a quantity of seed oats from the firm named and planted it last winter. When the oats came up it was badly mixed with the dread Johnson grass. Goekin claimed his land has been badly injured. This is the first case of the kind in this locality, but it is said a similar case was tried in Texas.

SUCCESSOR TO DUMBA NAMED

KAJATAN MEREY VON KAPOIS HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

PENFIELD'S STATEMENT

United States Ambassador at Vienna Says Dual Empire Has Not Yet Even Decided Upon Recall of Dumba, Which Was Asked by America.

Budapest, Hungary, Sept. 21.—A Vienna dispatch today says Kajatan Merey von Kapois has been chosen as ambassador to the United States to succeed Ambassador Dumba, whose recall was recently requested by President Wilson.

Ambassador Penfield of the United States says that the dual empire has not even decided to recall Dumba, but it is generally believed that today's dispatch will come true.

No request or inquiry has yet been made to Washington as to whether the new man would be acceptable.

DESCRIBES OKLAHOMA EXHIBIT

Editor Not Very Enthusiastic About Building at San Francisco.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 20.—Oklahoma people have been told in press agency terms of the Oklahoma exhibit in the Oklahoma building at San Francisco exposition. Major Leslie G. Niblack of the Guthrie Leader was in the Oklahoma building at the fair on his recent visit, and says he believes in telling about the exhibit. He says:

"The furnishings are one deck and a file of Oklahoma newspapers. The decorations consist of a cabinet-size picture of Governor Williams nailed on the wall between pictures of Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Roberts, at one time president of the State Federation. The floor is bare, the windows are dirty, the lavatories are vile and out of order."

BRYAN TO CALL ON PRESIDENT, SAYS REPORT

WILL BE FIRST MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE SINCE LATTER QUIT.

Washington, Sept. 21.—William Jennings Bryan and President Wilson will confer tomorrow, according to today's announcement at the White House. The interview was arranged at the request of Mr. Bryan and will be the first time they have met since Bryan quit the cabinet. Intense interest was created by the announcement, and there is much speculation as to the object of this conference.

MAY BE A PORTENT.

Three Italian Volcanoes in Eruption at Once.

Paris, Sept. 20.—Multiple eruptions of the Italian volcanoes are now occurring, says a dispatch from Rome. Vesuvius, Aetna and Stromboli are all active, a singular phenomena never before recorded. None of the eruptions, however, is of a character to cause alarm.

Better than Ten Cents

Roy Duston purchased yesterday from C. E. Merrill of Ravia, 71 bales of cotton at 10 1-16 cents. The cotton was purchased by Mr. Merrill last year and was held over for this fall's selling. Mr. Merrill is manager for a lumber company and accepted the cotton in payment of lumber accounts. The total price paid for the cotton was \$3,800.

STEFANSSON SENDS REPORT OF DISCOVERY

TELLS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HE HAD NO ACCIDENT OR HARSHIP — FOUND NEW LAND OF UNKNOWN SIZE.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—An official report from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, that he had discovered new land in the northern waters of Canada, reached the minister of naval affairs here Monday in a message from Nome.

The official report confirms the report made at Nome three days ago that Stefansson had discovered new land.

Stefansson's report briefly describes his journey in the north, the discovery of new land and stated that on August 23 he sailed for Herschel Island in the Polar Bear, which he chartered to establish a base on Prince Patrick Island.

From this point he announces that he will continue the work of exploring the newly discovered land. Regarding the discovery and his plans Stefansson wires the Canadian government:

"Landed south end Prince Patrick Island, June 1, 1915. Proceeded north, finished mapping west coast Patrick Island.

"June 18 discovered new land of considerable, but unknown size, near 78 degrees north, 117 degrees west. Followed coast south, southeast by east three days. Total demonstrable extent coast over one hundred miles nearly straight line. Land in parts rugged. Game abundant.

"Started south June 22, reached Chronometer Bay of Mercy July 14 to 20, crossed Bank's Island diagonally with dog packs. Reached home (Schooner Mary Sachs ten miles southeast of Killet) August 8. No accident or hardship on trip."

Stefansson reports the arrival of the Polar Bear at Killet August 11. He chartered the boat "as the only chance of attaining needed northerly base to get supplies from Herschel Island and land them at furthest attainable point north."

Stefansson's report concludes as follows:

"Sail from Herschel tomorrow (Aug. 23, 1915) with first adequate outfit"

FIFTY ENGLISH COAL MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

FIFTY MEN ARE ENTOMBED IN EXHALL COLLIERY — TWO HUNDRED WERE RESCUED FROM THERE TODAY.

Neunaton, England, Sept. 21.—Fifty miners are entombed in Exhall Colliery by fire today. Two hundred others were rescued.

Ten bodies were sent up before noon, but the cage for bringing out the workers was destroyed, making rescue difficult.